

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 586

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Joseph Raymond Baker,  
2005 Valedictorian of Middleton High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Raymond Baker is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2005 graduating class at Middleton High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Baker has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Joey Baker has earned an exemplary 3.97 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to distinguishing himself as a stellar scholar, Joey Baker is a valuable member of the Middleton High School Marching and Pep Band and has also played football and tennis; and

WHEREAS, renowned for his affinity for hard work and his tremendous self-discipline, Joey captured first place in the regionals and fourth place in state competition in HOSA's Medical Math Competition; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional young gentleman has earned numerous accolades during his high school career, including selection as an All-American Scholar and to *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and the National Honor Roll; in the Senior Superlatives, he was chosen "Most Intellectual" by his classmates; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in his school's activities and his community's affairs, Joey has received a multitude of academic awards, including the Overall English Award, Overall Math Award, English IV Award, Anatomy and Physiology Award, Lifetime Wellness Award, Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry Award, Star Student Award, and the National English Merit Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his success in college this fall and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, Joey will attend the University of Tennessee at Martin through the auspices of a Chancellor's Scholarship, Leaders in Residence Scholarship, Valedictorian Scholarship, and Lottery Scholarship; he plans to pursue a degree in nursing at UT-Martin and eventually attend CRNA School to become a nurse anesthetist; and

WHEREAS, evidencing a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, Mr. Baker volunteers his time and considerable talents in support of several worthy charitable and civic causes; he hopes to someday use his medical skills to help others via mission trips; and

WHEREAS, Joey expresses his faith as a member of Middleton First Baptist Church, where he is active with the youth group; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Michael J. Baker and Yvette M. Rippee, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Raymond Baker's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that Joseph Raymond Baker, 2005 Middleton High School Valedictorian, is hereby honored and commended on his impressive academic achievement. We extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.